

Law Enforcement Advisory Board

April 17th, 2023 – Minutes

1. Call to Order

Members present – Shawn Burke, Anthony Facos, Jennifer Morrison, Matthew Birmingham, Justin Stedman, Jennifer Harlow, Benjamin Herrick, Heather Simons, Nikolas Kerest, Matthew Romei.

2. Agenda Additions

None

3. Approve October 3rd Minutes

Motion made by Anthony Facos, second by Jennifer Harlow, passed by unanimous vote.

4. Organization – New Members

US Attorney Nikolas Kerest

Col. Justin Stedman – Director Vermont Fish & Game

Lt. Thomas Mozzer – VSEA

Sgt. Benjamin Herrick - VPA

5. Title 13 VSA § 1028 Assault on Health Care Worker Model Policy Mandate

Presentation by Vermont Association of Hospitals and Health Systems (VAHHS) representatives Devon Green and Emma Harrigan. VAHHS has been working with their constituents to reduce violence in Vermont emergency rooms. VAHHS would like to propose a model law enforcement policy aimed at when law enforcement responds to emergency rooms for assaults and threats made against health care workers. VAHHS has also been working on a parallel legislative project.

Commissioner Morrison suggested that VAHHS add a new statute to their legislative project, Impeding a Health Care Worker, which would allow for more accurate data collection.

Commissioner Morrison also suggested that VAHHS look for model policy examples that a subcommittee could use as a foundation.

VAHHS intends to advance their legislative work and provide model policy examples to the LEAB at a future meeting.

6. Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Employees Model Policy

Established a subcommittee to begin the process of revising the 2010 Domestic Violence Involving Law Enforcement Employees Model Policy. The subcommittee will include; Policy support from the Department of Public Safety, Sarah Robinson from the Network, Sheriff Harlow, Director Simons, and Chief Burke.

Commissioner Morrison suggested that this work be coordinated with the state-wide policy initiative that is currently working on a similar policy for all State employees.

7. Next meeting date

June 12th, 2023 at 0930 hours

8. Motion to adjourn

Commissioner Morrison, second by Anthony Facos.

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